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NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANCE

HEMPHILL COUNTY JAIL

October 21, 2026

Please reference the Inspection Requirements Review and Jail Inspection Report issued October 14-15, 2026, detailing the specific issues that resulted in the issuance of this notice of non-compliance.

Minimum Standards Violated:	Corrective Measure Required	Date Corrective Action Must Be Completed
263.41	Training of staff for emergency situations shall be provided immediately upon employment and no less than each calendar quarter for all jail personnel to include fire, emergency, evacuation drills, and location and use of equipment. **Life Safety Training documents reviewed failed to show that all staff completed required quarterly training. One staff member failed to complete and/or sign for required Life Safety Training during the 4th quarter of 2025. Additionally, two staff members failed to complete and/or sign for required Life Safety Training during the 3rd quarter of 2026.**	**Upon receipt of this notice.**
263.56	Emergency power equipment shall be tested at least once each week and the electric load transferred to the circuits at least monthly. **Required weekly tests of the facility generator were not conducted for 8 weeks from November 2025 to October 2026.**	**Upon receipt of this notice**
271.1(b)(3)	(3) Custody Reassessment/Review. A custody reassessment shall be conducted within 30 - 90 days of the Initial Custody Assessment and immediately upon any disciplinary action and/or change in legal status which would affect classification. A documented classification review to determine the necessity for a complete reassessment shall be conducted every 30 - 90 days thereafter.	**Upon receipt of this notice**

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Classification documentation reviewed for 3 of 4 inmates revealed that 30 to 90-day custody assessments were conducted incorrectly, resulting in incorrect classification.

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271.7(4)	The plan shall provide that an annual, internal audit shall be conducted on the classification system. Audit records shall be maintained for Commission review. The audit shall assess the following features of the objective classification system: (4) classification instruments are completed in an accurate and timely manner. **The classification audit submitted for review was conducted in September 2026. The audit showed that all classification documentation was completed correctly, although 3 of 4 files reviewed contained errors in custody assessments.**	**Upon receipt of this notice**

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